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WITHIN THE WEEK

If we could stand aloof and look into the collective mind of America in these recent troubled weeks we'd see a marked state of confusion. Our people are bewildered as they rarely have been before. There have been times in the past when we've had to ask the score. Now, we are not even certain that we know the game! We are in a period of indecision, resulting chiefly from inadequate and conflicting information. That mythical model, the Average Man, doesn't quite know *what* he believes, or why.

At this Easter season, 2 yrs ago, our Average Man looked out upon chaos and confusion. But he stood on a firm platform. About him were simple, elemental forces he could comprehend. He knew what the fighting was for, and could foresee the finish. In that terrible time the German reich was crumbling, VE Day was assured, VJ Day only a matter of mo's.

With final victory the Average Man took peace as an accepted pattern, a matter of course. Even those of pessimistic turn assumed a generation's respite between conflicts. Now, suddenly, comes the alert with talk—strong talk—of war. Not war in the nebulous future, perhaps, but an early testing of strength, a decisive present conflict.

The Average Man listens to a welter of opinion, ranging from the placating assurances of our acting Sec'y of State to the boi-

terous club-car drunk willing to bet anybody and everybody that we'll be at war with Russia "inside of 60 days." He listens at first with incredulity, later with growing apprehension. Oh, yes, he can see the wisdom of stopping the expansion of a political philosophy that is inimical to our way of life. He accepts the necessity for rehabilitating the broken world about us. But to him it seems an incredibly huge undertaking. He isn't at all certain that the world tide of collectivism can be scotched with dollars. Yet he hesitates to speak his mind because he knows no other course that has even as good a chance of succeeding. He wonders vaguely where all the money is coming from—and entertains an uneasy feeling that the waiter is going to present him with the check!

RENT CONTROL: It's now a political mess, due in large measure to Republican indecision. Had an early decision been made to end controls as of June 30, state legislatures could have taken over. Now, they won't meet again for 2 yrs. To extend federal control for another yr will mean expiration smack in the middle of a '48 Presidential race. Since, as we've previously pointed out, there are more tenants than landlords, neither party can permit a lapse then. So present prospect is for continued control well into '49.



SHIFTING SANDS

Among those genuinely disturbed by prospects of a transportation breakdown are the petroleum interests. Some in this field are going so far as to forecast privately that delayed shipments may force a ret'n of gasoline rationing by or before Fall...Adv Federation of America is getting under way with nat'l campaign to "sell advertising to the public." Some 500 radio stations and 350 newspapers are giving time and space. Outdoor posters also will be used. Many trade ass'ns are tying in. Copy will emphasize advertising as a social force, educating and enlightening public; reducing distribution costs...Health authorities are keeping close check on Moscow, Idaho, our 1st "fly-less" town. Community-wide DDT spraying has virtually wiped out pests. Question: Can they be kept out?...Fearing possible Japanese and other foreign imports, U S potters Ass'n is opening campaign to educate American housewife on the superiority of home product. It's a \$75 million market.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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Rep FRED A HARTLEY, Jr., of N J, chairman, House Labor Committee: "We cannot fight the world communist threat to democracy if we do not first clean up our own house." 1-Q

Juvenile Court Judge PHILIP WILLIAM, Denver, Colo: "Foster parents deserve no special thanks for taking another woman's child. The baby does more for them than they do for him." 2-Q

CHAS F KETTERING, v-pres Gen'l Motors in charge of research, disclosing new kind of engine for automobiles has been developed: "It's an entirely new result from an old type of automobile engine. We will make a complete disclosure of it at the meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers the 1st of June." 3-Q

JOE DiMAGGIO, famed baseball star now undergoing operations for injury to left foot, expressing remorse over swings taken at interne when coming out of gas after recent surgery: "I felt so sorry when I found out what I did I've promised to keep the fellow in passes to the stadium until 1960." 4-Q

A 17-yr-old youth of Las Vegas, Nev: "I went to Sunday school for 10 yrs to learn Christianity and to the Boy Scouts for 10 mo's to learn how to use it." 5-Q

JOHN W MEYERS, Calif test pilot, summing up risks involved in flying jet planes at speeds exceeding that of sound: "It's like trying to see how far you can lean out of a window—the farther you get over the edge, the better your chance of breaking your neck." 6-Q

MARY SKASKO, of N Y, advocating abandonment of titles "Miss" and "Mrs" as too revelatory of a woman's marital status and recommending use of non-committal "Ms": "Why should I let a perfect stranger know whether or not I am married. It's none of his business." 7-Q

EDW CAHILL, assoc director, Unitarian Service Committee, describ-

operative organizations to give them experience." 11-Q

ANN SHERIDAN, film actress whose Encino farm is ready for spring planting, enlightening fans who may wonder about her agricultural talents: "I don't know much about sowing, but I'm a great hand at reaping." 12-Q

JACK DUFF, Ipswich, Mass dairy employee, describing chief trouble derived from use of police dept's discarded patrol wagon for milk deliveries: "Some old stay-out-all-night is always trying to climb in the back, muttering 'I'll go quietly, boys!'" 13-Q

Judge FRANCIS J DONAHUE, of Mass Superior Court, handing down "not guilty" decision in formal trial of KATHLEEN WINSOR's *Forever Amber*: "I found that the novel was a soporific rather than an aphrodisiac." 14-Q

Oklahoma City, Okla ex-bootlegger, explaining decision to quit business and resume old trade of house painting: "It's because I've been drinking too much of my own stuff." 15-Q

ANITA Loos, author of best seller of '27, *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*: "A gentleman finds it impossible now to maintain both his surtaxes and a blond... And since taxes are inexorable, the blond has had to go—mainly to work." 16-Q

JACK ARNHEIM, sound effects man for popular radio thriller, *Inner Sanctum*: "There are times I wish I was back in the embalming business. Especially when there's a fight... Always a sock on the nose or a fist smacking into a stomach. It's the sound effects man's job to deliver them. I do—to myself." 17-Q

Dr S HOWARD PATTERSON, prof of economics, Univ of Pa, on labor disputes: "Ignorance and intolerance are the greatest stumbling blocks to mutual understanding... Rational thinking on both sides of a dispute, and not constant irritation and quibbling, will solve these



ing state of European medicine: "There was a complete blackout of medical information. Doctors in Poland, until very recently, hadn't heard of penicillin and other advancements. And there was destruction. In Poland and Czechoslovakia the Nazis burned complete medical libraries and smashed medical equipment. For 6 yrs no one could study medicine. And the Nazis liquidated doctors — nearly 45% of the medical men in Czechoslovakia." 8-Q

HENRY J TAYLOR, world traveler and correspondent: "This is the place where people young and old, the world over, would like to come if they could. And we who live here should spend less of our time saying what is wrong with the U S and more of our time saying what is right." (Quoted in *Think*.) 9-Q

SYDNEY J HARRIS, columnist, *Chicago Daily News*: "One of the signs of decay in the late Roman Empire was the rise of intrigue, envy and malicious gossip. I seem to note a similar rise in our own day; the keyhole columnists may be the emissaries of our spiritual dissolution." 10-Q

LAURITZ MELCHIOR, famous tenor with Metropolitan Opera Co, suggesting U S Dep't of Music as solution to problem encountered by young musician who studies, practices, then "has no place to go": "We need a gov't sec'y for art and science in a country which is so big. Then there should be more chance for training. Our best musicians have had to come from Europe, where there were more

problems. Good, sane-thinking leadership is essential." 18-Q

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Adv in *Crenshaw (Calif) Mirror*: "Any ex-GI desiring to boss a retired army officer for a reasonable wage may do so by calling 3405." 19-Q

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CAMILLE CHAUTEMPS, former premier of France, now touring U S: "The world again is counting upon the U S to take the lead, not by force but by an example of the successful way of life. Having saved the world from slavery, you must now save it from despair." 20-Q

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Letter to Collector of Internal Revenue, Boston: "From the letter-head you can easily see that I am in prison. As the time is drawing near for income tax ret'ns to be filed, I'd like to know if the \$800 which I stole has to be reported by me." 21-Q

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PHILIP G FOX, prof of business administration, Univ of Wis, reporting laboratory studies of dime slot machine: "On the experimental machine, the jackpot holds an average of 65 dimes. On the average, it takes 2,867 plays, or \$266.70 to win this \$6.50 jackpot... It takes no intelligence whatever." 22-Q

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Rev HOWARD KEMP, British Congregational minister, defying bishops by opening new chapel in London for marriages of men and women who have been divorced: "These victims of broken marriages divorced by law look to the church for help in repairing their shattered lives." 23-Q

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MARJORIE SMITH, British patriot answering recent suggestion by Ga's Sen RICHARD B RUSSELL, that Empire be welcomed into U S: "Considering your state and other southern states have not paid the sum of 61 million lbs owing to Britain which you borrowed during the American Civil War, I

think Sen Russell has an impertinence passing remarks at the British Empire and our King and Queen like you have." 24-Q

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WM C BULLITT, former ambassador to Russia, testifying before a House committee: "If Russia had the atomic bomb it would already have been dropped upon the U S." 25-Q

WILLARD E GIVENS, exec sec'y, Nat'l Education Ass'n: "Shall teachers form unions and affiliate with labor organizations? The answer is emphatically no—if teachers value the future of their profession and country." 26-Q

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JOHN ROGGE, former special ass't to U S Att'y Gen'l, speaking before Chicago Civil Liberties committee: "I hope the teachers strike and picket and bring us back to our senses. I hope they win substantial increases in salary so that good teachers will remain in the profession, and good teachers will enter the profession. Then education will be better able to meet the fascist threat to democracy by doing a more effective job of teaching democracy." 27-Q

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ALEDA DRUDING, pres, independent Philadelphia Teachers Ass'n, organization numbering more than 5,000 teacher members: "If there is a moral obligation for teachers not to strike, there is an even stronger moral obligation on the part of the public to see to it that conditions are such that teachers are not tempted to take such action." 28-Q

JOHN RINGLING NORTH, v-pres, Ringling Bros, Barnum & Bailey Circus, expressing annoyance with Dep't of Agriculture which vetoed importation of Belgian pig act:

"One of these pigs could push bells with his snout and play 'Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf.' We shouldn't ban educated animals like that from America." 29-Q

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Adv in *Darmstädter Echo*, Darmstadt, Germany: "Young lady employed in office gives evening lessons in democracy after 6." 30-Q

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Rep THOS A JENKINS, of Ohio: "Just because of the scare the Pres gave us a few days ago, we are not at war with Russia." 31-Q

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Gen'l DOUGLAS MACARTHUR: "Japan today understands as thoroly as any nation that war does not pay." 32-Q

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REMEDIOS OZAMIS FORTICH, first and only woman in Philippine Congress, deplored islands' "medieval divorce law" which demands criminal conviction for adultery before divorce can be granted: "Even the pope grants divorce dispensations today. Why should we be more pontifical than the pope?" 33-Q

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BENNETT CERF, pres, Random House, N Y, discussing current 6-wk tour of U S: "If you wring people's hands hard enough, there's always the chance that a promising manuscript will plump to the floor. I'm one publisher who always wrings twice." 34-Q

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ROB'T MITCHUM, film actor: "If I fail to speak to a doorman, people say: 'See Mitchum? He's gone high hat since he hit pay dirt in the movies'... Well, 5 yrs ago I wouldn't have spoken to him, either—and what's more, he wouldn't have spoken to me, much less let me in the joint." 35-Q

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CLEMENT ATTLEE, British Prime Minister: "The British people are never daunted by difficulties. The greater the emergency, the more readily they respond to the call for service." 36-Q

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MINING THE MAGAZINES

"I am the Resurrection . . ."—ROMA CAIN CARTER, *Farm Jnl*, 4-47.

It is no trouble for us who live in the open country to believe in resurrection. To us Easter is a symbol of continuing life.

Seeds so dry they rustle like paper need only to rest awhile in rich moist earth, and they spring forth deeply green, and full of vigor. Dull, lifeless bark opens to let pink-white blossoms push their way to the sun. This is how we know life does not end suddenly with the words, "dust to dust..."

By all means, the yr ought to begin about the 1st of April. Everything is so new. There's new life in the barnyard—young lambs, fuzzy chickens, and maybe a long-legged frisky colt. All around the yard and garden, too, swift changes take place. It is very easy at this season for us to hear the whole countryside echo, "I am the Resurrection and the Life..."

Everything is so very clean and fresh. March winds prune the trees and shrubs, while, on the side, they coax a few prophetic sunbeams out of the clouds. Strangely enough, I have always felt, as I listened to the familiar Easter story, that it rained the night before the Resurrection, and that on the morning of mornings the earth shone new and clean... *It is quite beyond my ability to explain such a thing as immortality, but at Easter-time, in my garden, I know that it exists.*

Easter Sunday, 1947, is no ordinary day. We live in times of disruption. Self-respect, self-discipline and self-reliance are almost forgotten. Yet, in the midst of fear for the future, violence and death, Life seems to speak all the louder...

Easter is a time of sure hope. It is our basis for believing that men did not die in vain—and that we do not live in vain!

ADULT—Responsibility—1

One day, while playing in the park, little Johnny made friends with a genial old gentleman sitting on one of the benches.

"Tell me," said the old gentleman, seeking to draw the youngster out with a little good-natured teasing, "what are little boys good for, anyhow?"

Johnny considered the question thoughtfully, then sagely repl'd, "Well, we're good to make men of."

—*Christian Science Monitor.*

AMERICANA—2

Coue complained that his famous formula, "Every day, in every way, I'm getting better and better," was of little use in America. It took too long to say. Americans just cut it down to "Hell, I'm well." —G H ESTABROOKS, quoted in *Birmingham News-Age-Herald*.

CHILDREN—3

Little Johnny was having a wonderful time with crayons and a sheet of paper. His mother asked him what he was drawing. "I'm making a picture of God."

Shocked, she queried: "How can you do that? No one in the world knows what God looks like."

"Well," repl'd Johnny with assurance, "they will when I get thru." — LOUIS UNTERMEYER, *A Treasury of Laughter*. (Simon & Schuster)

CONSCIENCE—4

The conscience of mankind is a diffuse kind of vapor which only rarely condenses into a workable steam.—ARTHUR KOESTLER, *Thieves in the Night*. (Macmillan)

CO-OPERATION—5

A certain gun was made for our army. The same gun was made for the British. Yet the parts of the two otherwise identical guns were not interchangeable because the screw threads were different.

The complications stemming from that simple fact were multitudinous. Greater stocks of parts had to be carried in all the supply depots. Time and energy were wasted. The cost ran into virtually astronomical figures.

Then experts representing the two countries got together and said, "Let us end this foolishness." They adopted a common screw thread...

If it is possible to come to an

agreement on screw thread pattern, isn't it possible to do so on thousands and more thousands of other small problems? And if we can agree on a sufficient number of small problems which now result in division, aren't we likely to discover that we have moved closer to that long desired and apparently unreachable betterment called World Peace?—*Curtis Courier*, hm, Curtis 1000 Inc.

They DO Say . . .

Reversing a previous ruling, the WAA in Chicago area has ruled that World War II vets buying motor vehicles at surplus sales may ret'n the purchase and get a refund if dissatisfied. *Chicago Sun* has been crusading for this provision, claiming that many cars and trucks sold vets at high prices were ripe for the junk-heap... Book of the Month Club, weary of many "leaks" in its selections prior to official announcement, is now writing subscribers the moment a selection is made... McGraw-Hill is toying with the idea of a farm news wky... Columbia Univ Press recently rec'd order for a copy of *Maternal Overproduction*. They sent LEVY's *Maternal Overprotection* — and hoped the customer wouldn't be too disappointed... Now comes a rubber-stamp firm with a new specialty. "Don't write 'Kilroy Was Here'" they urge, "stamp it!"

DEPENDABILITY—6

I went one day with a party of friends to visit the lighthouse which the U S gov't had erected at the point of rock on Cape Foulweather. The keeper took us up to the immense lantern, 180 ft above sea-level, and explained the workings of the mechanism which sends out light thru a radius of 20 mi's. Curiously enough, it was not one light, but many. A great group of reflectors set at various angles were so skillfully located that they focused all the light rays and blended them into one great stream of light.

I asked the keeper what he used for illumination and his reply was, "Oil."

"Why not use the more brilliant electricity?"

"Because," was the reply, "we

must have a light which is steady and dependable. It is not the brilliancy of the light, but the perfection of the focus that does the business."—CHAS F WISHART, *Expositor*.

ECONOMY—7

Sandy Campbell has been practicing false economy. He took such long steps to save his \$6 shoes that he split his \$8 trousers.—*Journeyman Barber*.

EDUCATION—8

A mountaineer had taken his son to the new school with the purpose of getting him enrolled. The father was anxious to know what was taught in the school. When a subject was mentioned he would inquire: "What is that?"

Mathematics were acceptable when he was told they dealt with "figuring." When informed that history had to do with what had happened in the past he was not impressed. He protested by saying: "I want you to teach my son what is going to happen in the future."—Editorial, *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

FRIENDSHIP—9

Believe men are friends and in the long run they will be.—*Mutual Moments*.

GOODWILL—10

When a mbr of the McCook, Neb civic club sees an automobile over-parked, he drops a nickel into the parking meter and places an envelope with a message on the car's windshield.

The message tells the car owner that he was saved from an over-parking violation and asks him to ret'n the nickel in the envelope to keep the overtime fund-circulating. "That way," says the message, "we can keep some other motorist out of the red."—*U P Dispatch*.

GOSSIP—11

Automobiles do not run down nearly so many people as gossip does.—*Houghton Line*, hm, E F Houghton & Co, Philadelphia.

INGENUITY—12

An engineer who helped build the Grand Coulee Dam explained how they were able to string 500 ft of cable thru a 25-in winding drainpipe. They tied a string to a cat, and used a blast of air as a tail wind. Pussy pulled the string,

the string pulled a rope, the rope pulled a cable—and...success! —*Hy Gardner, Parade*.

KNOWLEDGE—Application—13

We know enough about tuberculosis to exterminate it, but still its ravages go on. We know enough about architecture to eliminate slums, but they still exist. We know enough about agriculture to feed the world, but millions continue to starve. We know enough about sociology to prevent a large degree of crime, but today we are making juvenile delinquents on an unprecedented scale. We are not using the knowledge we have, and so we are making little or no progress.—*Ala Baptist*.

At Easter time

What does Easter mean to you? Stately church with cushioned pew, Where Lenten season, gone at last And days of self-denial past, Richly-clad, devoted throngs Of worshipers unite in songs Of praise in lily-scented air? Is this what makes your Easter fair?

Sad is the world and cold and gray If this is all of Easter Day.

But if this blessed season brings, A firmer faith in holy things; Assurance of a living Lord; A strengthening of the tender cord Of love that binds us to the life to come Where loved ones 'wait us in the heavenly home, No pain or loss can e'er efface the bliss, Dear friend, of Easter, when it means all this.

—*Watchman-Examiner*. 14

OBSTACLES—15

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eye off the goal.—*Construction Digest*.

ORIGIN—"Horse Marines"—16

This humorous term derives from the fact that it was the duty of U S Marines on sailing ships to cast off hausers, leading to their being called "Hause Marines" by the sailors — which became "Hoss Marines" and finally "Horse Marines."—*Ariz Veteran*.



By 1940 it seemed that U S educators were well on the way to attaining a goal that has been their objective for several decades. Child labor was getting down to a minimum. Census figures put the number of employed children under 17 at less than 1,000,000.

Then came the war and the trend turned sharply in an opposite direction. At the war peak in '45, the number of employed children rose to 3,500,000 during the school yr, and 5,000,000 in summer. This was a disappointing but almost inevitable course. A sense of insecurity and feverish anxiety swept the nation. Action was the axiom of the day. Everyone wanted to be "doing something." In such an atmosphere youth could hardly remain aloof. Disciplines were lax; labor shortage was acute; the lure of "big money" all but irresistible.

However, we are not returning to pre-war levels in this important respect. There are a million fewer youngsters in high school now than during peak enrollment yr of '42. Compliance figures are in some measure revealing, but of course do not tell the complete story. In '41, 579 employers were found guilty of employing 1,761 children illegally. This figure rose to a '45 peak when 3,481 firms were found guilty of employing 13,289 children illegally. There has been some drop from that peak, but by no means the abrupt descent officials had hoped to see. The '46 figures; 2,449 convictions for illegally employing 9,538 children.

The latest estimate, made in the fall of '46, indicated total juvenile employment of approx 2,500,000. Of this number about 750,000 were 14 and 15 yr olds. This is 2½ times the pre-war level, and even the most optimistic see no prospect of an early reduction.



AUTOMOBILE—Appliances: New auto horn, "El Toro," commands att'n with bull-like roar. Patented sliding switch permits changing tone combination to gentle warning signal for city use. (*Financial Post*)

COMMUNICATIONS: Microfilm directory, built into base of telephone, will enable users to find number more easily and quickly. (*Capper's Wkly*)

FOOD—Preservation: New bread wrapper which protects bread from air has reinforced replaceable cap to seal pkg after opening. Marked with perforated edges, re-cap strip lifts off like box-lid. To close, fold down regular wrapper ends, push on the cap. (*CLEMENTINE PADDLEFORD, This Wk*)

HORTICULTURE: Group of univ men have found way to outwit nature by spraying fresh flowers with filmy coating that keeps them from fading for mo's. (*Nat'l Parent-Teacher*)

INVENTIONS: "Insurograph" is being installed at airports for travelers. This vending machine, for 25¢, writes life insurance policy of \$5,000. You write when your plane leaves, your destination and your beneficiary...machine whirs a moment, policy is yours. (*Advertiser's Digest*)

PLASTICS: Soon to appear on mkt: disposable bottle for babies. Made of plastic which should compete price-wise and, certainly, convenience-wise, with traditional glass bottles. Bottles come in "rolls" of 50. (*Tide*)

SPORTING EQUIPMENT: Anti-backlash braking feature of new fishing reel, Van Ker Corp'n, Detroit, eliminates need of thumbing while cast is being made. Slightest slackness in line gently lets brake down onto reel drum, gradually snubs line. (*Hardware Age*)

PHILOSOPHY—17

A few years ago the London Spectator offered a prize for the best philosophy of life which could be written on the back of a postcard. The entry which won the prize could have almost been written on the back of a postage stamp. There were just 8 words in it: "Love, trust, dare, and go on doing it."—*Sunshine Magazine*.

PREACHERS—Preaching—18

A rather self-satisfied and very inexperienced young preacher one Sunday supplied the pulpit of a country church. After the service, he asked one of the elders what he thought of the sermon.

"I'll tell you," said the old man. "I'll put it in a sort of parable. It reminded me of the first time Archie Tucker went deer hunting. He was kind of green. He followed the deer all right, but he followed it all day in the wrong direction."—*Toastmaster*.

PRIDE—19

At the close of the Civil War an insurance co sent for Rob't Lee and offered him the presidency of the co. Lee thanked the men for considering him, and then told them he knew nothing about insurance.

"Oh," said the spokesman, "that's all right. All we want is your name."

At that Lee picked up his hat, turned toward the speaker and informed him: "My name is not for sale."—*CALVIN T RYAN, "Paying for the Life We Live," Think, 3-47.*

PROFANITY—20

Probably even the saintliest of us swears unknowingly. Altho the mild-mannered and God-fearing cleric who says "Dear me" may not be aware of it, he is none the less guilty of swearing. The expression is derived from a corruption of an Italian phrase, *Dio mio!* literally, My God!—*DAVID T ARMSTRONG, Ladies' Home Jnl.*

PUBLIC RELATIONS—21

Last wk a New Yorker in the Pennsylvania Ry's 30th St station at Philadelphia bought a \$2.30 coach ticket for home. Before train time he lost the ticket. Buying another, he mentioned his loss to the man behind the ticket window. Then he forgot the matter. But bright and early at his office Mon-

day he got a check for \$2.30 from the nation's biggest ry. "We found it," said "Pennsy."—*Wall St Jnl.*

RELIGION—22

By its enemies religion has been called a drug. It is a drug, and furthermore, the only drug that will counteract the virus of hatred now flowing in the blood streams of men and nations. — *FRANCIS J SPELLMAN, Action This Day.* (Scribner)

Easter

The great Easter truth is not that we are to live newly after death — that is not the great thing—but that we are to be new here and now by the power of the resurrection; not so much that we are to live forever as that we are to, and may, live nobly now because we are to live forever.—*PHILLIPS BROOKS. 23*

RUSSIA—Character—24

A Russian soldier, armed with 2 pistols, entered a Budapest home and demanded: "Your watch, please."

His voice roused the baby of the household, who had been sleeping. The soldier placed his pistols on the table, cradled the baby in his arms, and lulled it back to sleep. Then he picked up his pistols again, turned to the parents and softly whispered: "Watch, please."—*LEONARD LYONS, syndicated col.*

SUBTERFUGE—25

Some 60 yrs ago a great international exposition was held in Paris. Abdul Aziz, Sultan of Turkey, wished to go, but could not because a law of the Mohammedan Koran forbade the Sultan to leave his own land unless going to conquer a foreign foe. Then it was announced that the French Emperor had made a present of France to the Sultan. So, of course, the Sultan might visit his new domain. The French were amused by the subterfuge. No one expected the Sultan to exercise any authority in France. He was only a make-believe monarch with a tinsel crown. — *EDMOND M KERLIN, Telescope Messenger.*

VIEWPOINT—26

Many recently ret'd vets in our neighborhood have been beefing about how things at home are

"Men show their character . . ."

The Second Annual Nat'l Laugh Wk begins, appropriately enough, on April Fool's Day—April 1st. Here are some excerpts from Columnist EARL WILSON's collection of the Best Laughs for the last half of '46 which we hope may, in accordance with the slogan of the Nat'l Laugh Wk Foundation, "Help Put a Smile on the Map of America."

It was GOETHE who said, "Men show their character in nothing more clearly than by what they think laughable." We sometimes wonder . . .

Pres Truman was the best gag target. About the time Henry Wallace left, Morey Amsterdam said Truman was elected President of the Magicians' Union—he was the only one left with a disappearing Cabinet.

Edith Gwynn thought Truman had a wonderful mind — except when he makes it up. Elmer Reilly described Truman's foreign policy as being as well planned as the average accident. A Truman fountain pen was one that wrote under hot water.

John L Lewis came next. Joe E Lewis, the comedian, Winchelled that "Jerry Colonna's mustache is that way about John L Lewis' eyebrows."

Chuck Gay referred to Jane Russell's Jane Russells as "attri-beauts."

Goodman Ace, program director at CBS, was asked for his opinion of a certain CBS program. "At the finish of the show," he said, "I think the announcer should say, 'This is the Nat'l Broadcasting System.'"

Milton Berle told a woman that the feather in her hat looked like the one used to sign the Declaration of Independence, and that the man with her looked like one of the signers... When someone asked how old his wife was, Lord Chas Mendl ans'd, "All I know is when I married her she was 12 yrs older than I; now she's 2 yrs younger."

Gypsy Rose Lee said, "It wasn't an apple that started the trouble in the Garden of Eden. It was a very green pair." Elmer Reilly described John L Lewis as "The Hair Apparent."

When Pat O'Brien asked Steve Owen what could stop Army's aces Davis and Blanchard, Owen ans'd, "Graduation."

In Nov, the Republicans made the comeback of the yr—of the last doz yrs. Alan Young guessed that the Demmy '48 theme song would be "I'm Just Mild About Harry."

Actress Leonora Corbett was seen with an ex-boy friend, and a pal said, "I thought you'd thrown him over." "I have," Leonora said, "but you know how a girl throws."

It came out after Jimmy Walker died that he wanted Gene Fowler to write the movie story of his life, but Fowler explained that he never wrote well of living people. "Would it help any," Walker asked, "if I died?"

In the show "Yrs Ago" Fredric March, advised to have a little faith, repl'd: "Faith is a wonderful thing, all right, but I never was in no situation where havin' money made things any worse."

Phil Foster, new comedy star at La Martinique, says he and his mother argued about a pal of his. His mother said the boy would be a bum. Phil said he'd become a doctor. They were both right. He became a bum doctor.



I Believe

J KENFIELD MORLEY

As the yrs slide past, I realize more and more that life is measured by its altitude and not by its length.

I believe that in nations as in individuals, we are far more likely to be impressed by the bad points than by the good.

I believe a world leader is one who sees a little ahead. A world prophet is one who sees far ahead.

I believe the old-fashioned wall phone had one advantage; it made the bore quit talking when his feet got tired.

I believe the average person believes about half of what he hears, and usually the wrong half.

I believe none of us will ever get indigestion from swallowing our pride occasionally.

I believe that discontent is the chief source of all our troubles, but also of all our progress.

I believe man has magnified world affairs...but world affairs have not magnified man.

I believe in a democracy there is much complaint and little suffering. In a dictatorship there is much suffering and little complaint.

I believe the richest country in the world is not the one that has the most money, but the one that has the least poverty among its people.

I believe there is something wrong with a man, as with a motor, when he knocks continuously.

I believe the darkest hr in any man's life is when he sits down to plan how to get money without earning it.

I believe things would be far worse if the operation of natural laws depended upon public opinion.
—Abridged from *Rotarian*.

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Work is the yeast that raises the dough.—VIRGINIA McCANN, *Grit*.

YOUTH—28

High school pupils in America receive an average of \$5.11 a wk from earnings and allowances. They spend \$27 a yr on movies, \$9.10 on phonograph records, \$8.84 for candy, \$7.80 for soft drinks and \$7.80 for magazines and books. — *Scholastic Magazine*.

Quote

A policeman threw a nickel toward the blind man's cup. The coin missed and rolled along the pavement, but the man with the dark glasses quickly recovered it.

"But I thought you were blind," exclaimed the cop.

"No, I'm not the regular blind man, officer," he said. "I'm just taking his place while he's at the movies."—*Westerner*.

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The Portuguese mayor of Estremadura it was who, in offering a reward for the recovery of the body of a drowned man, listed, as a means of identification, that "the deceased had a marked impediment in his speech."—WEBB B GARRISON, *Liberty*.

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Even the youngsters are developing a social consciousness these days, it would seem.

I've just heard of a little girl, out walking with her mother, and passing a church of another denomination from the one they attended.

Thoughtfully the little girl told her mother: "When our church goes on strike, let's go to church there."—ELEANOR CLARAGE, *Pastor's Wife*.



Nothing robs a man of his good looks like a hurriedly-drawn shade.
—*Pure Oil News*.

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Love is a lot of dame foolishness.
—*Western Bldg.*

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Evening Dress: A dress that's more gone than gown.—*Philadelphia Inquirer*.

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Alas: Early Victorian for "Oh, Hell!" — OLIVE HERFORD, *Magazine Digest*.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

LAUGHS WITH LEGISLATORS

ALBEN W BARKLEY
Senator from Ky

When I greeted the recent Congress with a new moustache, the hirsute adornment was widely heralded. The fact that I have since shaved it off has not been equally publicized. However, I think there's a good story there.

The moustache came in several shades whiter than my hair. Some of my colleagues commented that this was an indication I used my mouth more than my head. So I decided that it might be the part of wisdom and discretion to part with my treasure.

When a judge told Sam Schlepperman on the Kenny Baker show, "I'll just fine you now but if this happens again tomorrow I'll throw you in jail," Schlepperman repl'd: "I get it. Fine today—cooler tomorrow."—*Milwaukee Jnl.*

Memory training by association became a fad in a certain school. "For instance," the English teacher was explaining, "if you want to remember the name of a poet, Bobbie Burns, you might conjure up in your eye a picture of a London policeman in flames. You see, 'Bobbie Burns.'"

"I see," said one of the pupils, "but how is one to be sure that it doesn't represent 'Robert Browning'?"—*McCall Spirit*.

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A Scottish farmer was raising chickens. Walking thru the barn yd one day he noted that sawdust and chicken feed looked pretty much alike, so he said to himself, "I wonder what would happen if I put a wee mite of sawdust in the chicken feed. So he fed the hens 90% feed and 10% sawdust. The hens paid no att'n. The next wk he used 75% feed and 25% sawdust. The flock was thriving

and soon their diet was 50-50. Finally Sandy decided to go the limit—100% sawdust.

A hen sitting on some eggs had tried the new diet. One day Sandy heard an awful racket. He saw his old hen coming out followed by 13 baby chicks, and to his amazement, 12 of them had a wooden leg and the 13th was a wood-pecker!—*Reformatory Pillar*.

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When Gen'l Brehon Somervell retired after 4 yrs of work, 7 days a wk and 12 hrs a day, as head of Army Service Forces, he was dog-tired. A friend asked him his plans.

"I'm going to rest," Somervell declared. "For 6 wks I'm going to just sit on the porch. After that, I'm going to start rocking—slowly."—*Brooks-Scanlon Pine Echoes*.

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Grandpappy Morgan had wandered off into the Ozark woods and failed to ret'n for supper, so young Tolliver was sent to look for him. He found him standing in the bushes.

"Gettin' dark, Grandpap," the tot ventured.

"Yep."

"Suppertime, Grandpap."

"Yep."

"Ain't ye hungry?"

"Yep."

"Wal, air ye comin' home?"

"Nope."

"Why ain't ye?"

"Can't!"

"Why can't ye?"

"Standin' in a b'ar trap."—*Canning Trade*.

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There is an old Irish story about Mrs Halpin paying condolences to Mrs Murphy on the death of the latter's husband. "And what did he die of?" asked Mrs Halpin.

"Gangrene," said Mrs Murphy.

"Ah," said Mrs Halpin, "thank God for the color of it."—DEBS MYERS, "Limerick, Eire," *Holiday*, 4-'47.

